



State of Arizona  
Department of Education

Tom Horne  
Superintendent of  
Public Instruction

MEMORANDUM

TO: Parents of Displaced Pupils Choice Grant Recipients

FROM: Vanessa Deatherage, Grant Coordinator

DATE: August 21, 2008

SUBJ: Program Status

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It is with great pleasure I inform you that funding for this program has been reinstated for the 2008-2009 school year.

Superintendent Horne fought vigorously to get clarification and approval of the legal transfer of funds to support this program. As of today, Mr. Horne has received that approval and has instructed this office to resume the program effective immediately.

Please be aware, the program is still pending an official ruling from the Arizona Supreme Court. The Arizona Supreme Court is not expected to consider the case for further action until, at the very soonest, October and possible much later. The court may decide to schedule the case for further review, or they may decide not to pursue it. If the latter happens, the Appeals Court decision striking down the legality of the program stands. There is no way for us to anticipate what the court will do, however we will keep you informed of any new developments as they become available.

In the meantime, if you are interested in reinstating your grant(s) please confirm by replying to this email. Additionally, I will need a new "Letter of Intent" verifying the qualified school in which your child is to be enrolled. You may download a copy of this form on our website at: <http://www.ade.az.gov/DisplacedPupilGrants/Default.asp>. To verify if your school is a qualified school, please view our 2008-2009 Qualified School List at: <http://www.ade.az.gov/DisplacedPupilGrants/Default.asp>.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly at 602-542-3710. I look forward to working with your family again.